

LECTURE BUREAU.

Recognizing the fact that some action was necessary on the part of the Grange and its institutions, to awaken and keep up interest, a Committee was appointed at the last meeting of the Dominion Grange to consider and report upon the advisability of sending lecturers into the field. Their report is as follows :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LECTURES.

To the Worthy Master and Officers of Dominion Grange :

Your Committee on Lectures beg to report as follows :

That the subject has occupied our best attention, and we approve of the suggestion made to send Lecturers into the field, and recommend that the Executive Committee of this Grange be instructed to correspond officially with the Secretaries of the Insurance Company, the Grange Trust, the Wholesale Supply Company, and the Mutual Aid Association, with the view of carrying the propositions into effect, believing that the tendency will be to promote the best interests of and strengthen the Grange, and secure more general patronage of the various institutions organized under its authority.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

R. J. DOYLE,
S. W. HILL,
JESSE TRULL,
W. P. PAGE,
WM. ANDERSON.

Upon the above recommendation a joint committee was formed from the Dominion Grange, the Canadian Mutual Aid Association, the Grange Wholesale Supply Company, and the Dominion Grange Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of the following persons representing each association respectively : Brs. Trull, Page, Harris and Doyle ; Bro. H. B. Hunt being appointed Secretary-Treasurer. This committee met on the 17th November, and prepared a plan for carrying into effect the proposed lecture scheme.

By correspondence with the Lecture Bureau of the United States we learn that the scheme there has met with universal approval, and they express a desire to co-operate with us in the matter—exchanging lecturers, etc. Our committee, therefore, have determined to take advantage of the offer, and will secure a number of lectures to be delivered throughout the country by our United States Brethren. However, to extend information directly relating to those institutions which are the outgrowth of the Grange in Canada, speakers will necessarily require to be thoroughly posted on all these, hence our effort will be largely directed towards the sending of such parties as are thoroughly posted in the workings of these several institutions. The matter of expenses for the work is of great importance to meet ; the Dominion Grange and each association have set apart a certain amount of funds to cover this, and in order to assist the Bureau, Division and Subordinate Granges will be asked, whenever lectures are called for, to contribute something, say \$5 for each lecture, towards these expenses ; the committee, however, reserving the privilege of sending lecturers into those sections where they deem their services most needed. In order to make traveling expenses as light as possible, the Bureau propose arranging for a series of lectures in such way that speakers may take the different points in rotation as they pass along. With this in view we ask Granges who desire lectures to correspond with us early, that we may arrange the course. It is hoped, in the interest of the Grange, and the associations organized under its banner, that every assistance will be extended to us in order that we may the more successfully carry out the object in view, namely : spreading the principles of the Grange organization, and a knowledge of its aims and purposes among the people ; also to extend the usefulness of those branches which have sprung out of the natural requirements of the farming community, as a result of the Grange institution.

Signed on behalf of the Lecture Bureau,

Address,

TORONTO, November 25, 1881.

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